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SUBJ: JAPANESE STUDY CAUSEWAY

REF: VALLETTA 948, MAY 17, 1972

1. 11 MAN JAPANESE TEAM INCLUDING TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED MALTA AUGUST 10 TO CONTINUE STUDY FEASIBILITY CONNECTION BETWEEN MALTA AND GOZO. OTHER JAPANESE EXPERTS CARRIED OUT PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO ISLAND DURING FIRST YEAR MLP ADMINISTRATION (SEE REFTEL). JAPANESE INVESTIGATED VARIOUS WAYS CONNECTING MALTA TO GOZO, EITHER BY STEEL BRIDGE CONCRETE CAUSEWAY OR TUNNEL. ACCORDING TO REPORT BY PM MINTOFF TO PARLIAMENTARY SESSION LAST YEAR, REPORT CONCLUDED CONSTRUCTION CAUSEWAY JOINING GOZO TO COMINO AND COMINO TO MALTA WOULD BE MOST ECONOMICAL AND PRATICIAL METHOD TO ACHIEVE LINK.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME CURRENT TALKS RELATED TO FINANCING PROPOSED PROJECT. AS REPORTED REFTEL, JAPANESE OBJECTED TO EARLIER GOM PROPOSAL REGARDING TOLL FIFTY MALTA CENTS AS
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